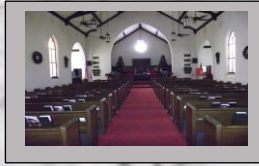


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

March 2024



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First Things First...

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
Romans 6:3-4

"I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see!" If we were to have a game of "Name That Hymn," most people could name those lyrics as being taken from "Amazing Grace." Did you know that there are seven verses of Amazing Grace? Most people can recognize four of the seven but have no clue regarding the other three. One is relatively well-known:

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

The two lesser-known verses continue:

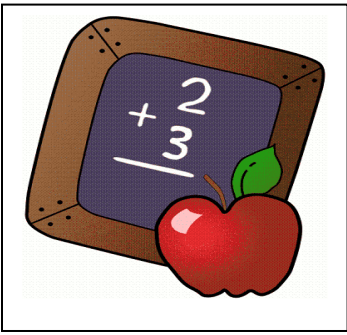
Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.
The world shall soon dissolve like snow the sun refuse to shine,
But God, who called me here below, shall be forever mine.

Sometimes, we think we know everything there is to know about a subject, a person, and even biblical teachings. In the richness and depth of God's Word we never fully grasp everything there is to glean, even in a single verse or two. Read again Romans 6: 3-4. Did you realize that in baptism the Holy Spirit brings death and gives life? In baptism the old Adam within us is crucified with Christ; the new Adam within us is brought to life through the resurrection of Jesus. What a marvelous truth to understand: in baptism we are delivered from sin and death to become a new creation in Christ Jesus. When the Holy Spirit is ready to reveal a new insight, we often find ourselves marveling that we had never realized a particular truth in our previous studies. The revelation we gain in Bible study is exactly what we need when we need it.

On the last Sunday of March, we celebrate my favorite day of the year. We rejoice in worship on the festival day called both Easter and Resurrection Day. Personally, I like calling it the SONrise Celebration. It is the culmination of Christ's redemptive work on earth. I remain continually amazed by the grace of God as He revealed His salvation for me. Truly, I do not understand why God chose me to hear and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am utterly humbled by the love He showered on me, adopting me as the heir to His promises. No other day should receive our commitment to worship, to praise, and to adore the God of our salvation.

I encourage you to make every effort, laying aside anything that might prevent your attendance at worship on March 31st. It is the least that we can do in appreciation for all that God has done for us.

Always remember: Jesus loves you and so do I! Pastor Grier



First School And Day Care

Thank you to everyone who participated with our school Bake Sale fundraiser. We truly appreciate the support! We will be having a Spring fundraiser as well and we will keep everyone posted on those details.

We are gearing up for our school Easter egg hunt on Friday, March 22nd. Everyone is so excited about celebrating our risen Savior!

God Bless everyone!

Many Blessings,
Bree Joines
The First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –
Thursday, March 14th, at 5:00 p.m.**

MARCH READINGS

- 03/03 Exodus 29:19-28, Psalm 74:16-19, 2 Corinthians 6:11-7:1, Luke 9:7-17
- 03/10 Exodus 29:29-37, Psalm 74:20-23, 2 Corinthians 7:2-9, Luke 9:18-27
- 03/17 Exodus 29:38-46, Psalm 75:1-5, 2 Corinthians 7:10-16, Luke 9:28-36
- 03/24 Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 118:1-2,19-29 Philippians 2:5-11, Mark 11:1-11
- 03/31 Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2.14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8



- 03/07 Ryan Woodson
- 03/08 Thomas Hernandez
- 03/10 Misty Ledwig
- 03/16 James Herrington
- 03/29 Abigail Hernandez



- 03/06 Jaqueline Lundy
- 03/06 Cathy Schoenfield
- 03/10 Rachel Hernandez
- 03/13 Brantley Doege
- 03/13 Alvin Yackel
- 03/23 Sheila Miller
- 03/25 Emma Jo Barosh



- 03/18 Kirk & Nerissa House
- 03/19 Saby & Lynette Hernandez
- 03/30 Doug & Cindy Mathews



COUNCIL MEETING
 Monday, March 18th
 6:00 p.m.



Our FLC Family

- Cecil Anderson
- Dorothy Atchetee
- Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
- Ron Chambles
- Alys Grier
- Bonnie Jones
- Marilyn Kight
- Kim & Larry Ledwig
- Lloyd Nelson
- Jimmy Nielsen
- Ashley Schoeneberg
- Bentley

Friends of FLC

- Nancy M
- Terri S
- Candace J

List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.



**PRAY FOR
 ALL WHO
 SERVE IN
 THE US MILITARY**

WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



OR



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FLCEC Manna Meals Team

Our FLCEC Manna Meals Team will be serving on Monday, March 11th. Please let Cathy Schoenfield know if you will be able to help. Help is always needed with serving and cleaning up!

Where all are family and all are fed

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Spring Forward!

On Sunday, March 10th, daylight saving time begins! Remember to “spring forward” – turn your clocks ahead one hour so you will be on time for our morning service.

Newly elected Church Council Members:

Karen Kight, Cindy Mathews

Continuing Church Council Members:

Calvin Borak, Will Joines, Kim Ledwig

Kirk Marek, Doug Mathews,

Elected to First School Board:

Helen Kight, Cori Koudela

Continuing on First School Board

Billie Jean Bram, Cathy Schoenfield, Diane Stewart

Elected to Cemetery Board:

Calvin Borak

Continuing on Cemetery Board:

David Kight, Pat Marek

Auditors – 2024

Karen Kight, Pat Marek

Nominating Committee – 2024

Sheila Herrington, Billie Jean Bram, Kim Ledwig

First School Board

Thursday, March 14th
5:00 p.m.

Church Council

Monday, March 18th
6:00 p.m.

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



Easter Lilies

Order forms for Easter lilies are available in the Narthex and the church office. A 6” lily will be \$11.50 and a calla lily will be \$14.99.

Please make your check out to First Lutheran Church and designate “Easter Lily” on your check.

Easter Egg Hunt

WHERE: Helen Kight’s House
3294 S St Hwy 71

WHEN: Saturday, March 30th at 2:30 p.m.

Please bring your basket and 12 pre-filled eggs. If you can bring cookies please tell Helen Kight or Billie Jean Bram.

If you do not have children or grandkids you are invited to bring a lawn chair and come for the fellowship!



March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	4	5	6 Lenten Service 12:15PM	7	1/8	2/9
10 Worship Service 10:45 AM	11 FLCEC Team serves @ Manna Meals	12	13 Lenten Service 12:15PM	14 FS Board Meeting 5:00PM	15	16
17 Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	18 Church Council Meeting 6:00PM	19 Newsletter Items Due	20 Lenten Service 12:15PM	21	22	23
24 Worship Service 10:45 AM	26	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday Service	29 Good Friday Service	30
31 Worship Service 10:45 AM						

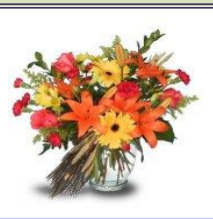
March Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Jimmy Nielsen
SEXTON: Doug Mathews
USHERS: Doug Mathews, James Stewart
ALTAR GUILD: Cindy Mathews, Helen Johnson

READER

3rd Kirk Marek
 10th Ted Schoenfield
 17th Calvin Borak
 24th Cathy Schoenfield
 31st Diane Stewart

If you are unable to serve on your date,
 please find someone to take your place.



MARCH FLOWER CALENDAR

3rd Open
 10th Open
 17th Lionel Chatel
 24th Open
 31st Lilies

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Helen Marie Kight, Organist
Christine Richter, Office Manager
Bree Joines, Director of First School

March

Join us on **FACEBOOK** or check us out at
www.FIRSTLUTHERANEC.COM

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: Calvin Borak, Will Joines, Karen Kight, Kim Ledwig, Kirk Marek, Cindy Mathews, Doug Mathews,

Lenten Schedule

Lenten Services – Wednesdays –
6:00pm (Soup Supper at 5:30 p.m.)

March 6th
March 13th
March 20th
March 27th

Maundy Thursday, March 28 – 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday, March 29 – 12:00p.m.(Noon)
SONrise Celebration, Sunday, March 31–
10:45 a.m.

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**Join us for worship
on Sunday mornings!**

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.